

REMARKS

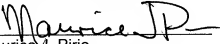
Applicant submits this Supplemental Reply to the Office Action of December 1, 2006, to address the Section 112 rejection as requested by the Examiner in the Notice of Non-Responsive Reply dated May 17, 2007.

The Examiner has rejected claims 86-91 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner believes that it is unclear whether the term "component" refers to software *per se* or software executed by a hardware element of the system. Applicant respectfully disagrees. The term "component" refers to "conventional computer components, including a processing unit (PU), [and] memory storage devices for the PU." (Specification, 11:35-12:1.) As such, the term "component" in these claims clearly refers to a storage device that contains instructions for performing the processing specified in the claim language.

Based upon the above remarks, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8548.

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